AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for exchanging data between a source location and a destination location comprising the steps of:

generating a data file formatted in a markup language in accordance with a predetermined schema;

generating a first software envelope containing the data file;

~~generating~~ selecting a plugin from a plurality of plugins based on the predetermined schema, said plugin configured to create an object from the markup language of the data file;

attaching the plugin to the software envelope;

transmitting the software envelope to the destination location; and

creating the object from the markup language of the data file with the plugin,

wherein the step of creating the object from the markup language of the data file with the plugin comprises

parsing the data file into a plurality of data fields according to the predetermined schema of the plugin,

determining a first data field in the plurality as an optional data field based on the predetermined schema, and

determining a second data field in the plurality as a required data field based on the predetermined schema.

Claims 2-4 (Canceled)

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the markup language comprises extensible markup language (XML).

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the markup language comprises standard generalized markup language (SGML).

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7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of transmitting comprises transmitting the software envelope via electronic mail.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of transmitting comprises transmitting the software envelope via HTTP.

Claims 9-24 (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the software envelope contains the plugin.

Claim 26 (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A method for exchanging data between a source location and a destination location comprising the steps of:

generating a data file formatted in a markup language in accordance with a predetermined schema;

generating a first software envelope containing the data file;

generating selecting a plugin based on the predetermined schema, said plugin configured to create an object from the markup language of the data file;

determining an operating system associated with the destination location before generating the plugin, wherein the plugin is generated selected based on said operating system

attaching the plugin to the software envelope; and

transmitting the software envelope to the destination location,

wherein the plugin creates the object from the markup language of the data file.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the markup language comprises extensible markup language (XML).

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29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the markup language comprises standard generalized markup language (SGML).

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the step of transmitting comprises transmitting the software envelope via electronic mail.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the step of transmitting comprises transmitting the software envelope via HTTP.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the software envelope contains the plugin.

33. (Currently Amended) One or more computer readable media storing computer-executable instructions which, when executed on a computer system, cause the computer to perform a method comprising steps of:

generating a data file formatted in a markup language in accordance with a predetermined schema;

generating a first software envelope containing the data file;

~~generating~~ selecting a plugin from a plurality of plugins based on the predetermined schema, said plugin configured to create an object from the markup language of the data file;

attaching the plugin to the software envelope;

transmitting the software envelope to the destination location; and

creating the object from the markup language of the data file with the plugin,

wherein the step of creating the object from the markup language of the data file with the plugin comprises

parsing the data file into a plurality of data fields according to the predetermined schema of the plugin,

determining a first data field in the plurality as an optional data field based on the predetermined schema, and

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determining a second data field in the plurality as a required data field based on the predetermined schema.

34. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media according to claim 33, wherein the markup language comprises extensible markup language (XML).

35. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media according to claim 33, wherein the markup language comprises standard generalized markup language (SGML).

36. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media according to claim 33, wherein the software envelope contains the plugin.

37. (Currently Amended) One or more computer readable media storing computer-executable instructions which, when executed on a computer system, cause the computer system to perform a method comprising steps of:

generating a data file formatted in a markup language in accordance with a predetermined schema;

generating a first software envelope containing the data file;

~~generating~~ selecting a plugin based on the predetermined schema, said plugin configured to create an object from the markup language of the data file;

determining an operating system associated with the destination location before generating the plugin, wherein the plugin is ~~generated~~ selected based on said operating system;

attaching the plugin to the software envelope; and

transmitting the software envelope to the destination location,

wherein the plugin creates the object from the markup language of the data file.

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Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested. In view of the above amendments, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Jason W. Rhodes Reg. No. 47,305 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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